

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated April 1, 2009 and the Advisory Action dated June 8, 2009. Applicant has amended paragraphs [0002], [0044], and [0050] of the specification. The amendments to the specification comply with requirements of form set forth in the Advisory Action, as well as clarify the issues for appeal. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request entry of the amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the Specification

With the present amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to update references to corresponding U.S. patent applications, and, in particular, to replace the U.S. patent application serial numbers with corresponding publication numbers or patent numbers for the referenced U.S. patent applications.

Objection to the Specification Under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a)

In the final Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Amendment filed on April 11, 2008 (referred to as the Office Action filed on August 20, 2008) under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) on the basis that it introduces new matter into the disclosure. The Advisory Action indicated that the objection to the specification would be obviated upon amendment of paragraph [0002] of Applicant's disclosure to include reference to the patent application publication numbers.¹ With this Amendment, Applicant has amended the disclosure to include reference to the patent application publication numbers and patent numbers. In view of the amendment to the specification, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the final Office Action, claims 1–10, 12–15, and 19–21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office Action asserted that claim 1, 9, and 19 contain “subject matter which was not described in the

¹ Advisory Action dated June 8, 2009 at p. 7, item 17.

specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.² The Advisory Action indicated that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph would be obviated upon amendment of paragraph [0002] of Applicant's disclosure to include reference to the patent application publication numbers.³ With this Amendment, Applicant has amended the disclosure to include reference to the patent application publication numbers. In view of the amendment to the specification, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

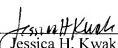
All claims in this application are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 50-1778. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney to discuss this application.

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² Final Office Action dated April 1, 2009 at p. 2, item 3.

³ Advisory Action dated June 8, 2009 at p. 7, item 17.